

DENISE BRASSEAU, PT

COMMANDER, USPHS

CDR Denise Brasseaux retired from the United States Public Health Service in December of 2010. After 20 years of dedicated service as a commissioned officer and an integral member of the Therapist category. Her career began in 1989 at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Programs. During her time at Hansen's Disease Program, CDR Brasseaux developed specialized skills in pedorthics and wound care. This led to a Pedorthic Certification in 1995. Certification as a wound specialist followed in 2004.

CDR Brasseaux's career is well highlighted with numerous guest lectures at the VA, IHS and presentations in the care to patients at Hansen's clinic in Guayaquil, Ecuador and Port Au Prince, Haiti. CDR Brasseaux was also involved in extensive research of Hansen's Disease in armadillos. The armadillo is now used as a model for testing of development, prevention and treatment of nerve pathology secondary to Hansen's Disease.

CDR Brasseaux's career is well highlighted with numerous Public Health Service awards. She also maintained membership with multiple professional associations throughout her career.

CDR Brasseaux's sustained quality service and dedication over the past 20 years will be greatly missed. CDR Brasseaux's future plans are to continue to share her expertise in Neuropathic Footcare with the private sector and to continue the battle of preventing lower extremity amputations.